

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1,2, 5 and 6 under 35 USC 102. These rejections are fully traversed below.

Claims 23-42 have been added. Claims 7-22 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-6 and 23-42 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks

Election/Restrictions

The undersigned affirms the election of Group I (claims 1-6).

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Perlotto* (4,251,922).

In contrast to *Perlotto*, claim 1 (and its dependents) specifically requires, “a positioning system for adjusting the position of the component of the drum assembly relative to the base when the portion of the drum assembly is positioned in the known position.” While *Perlotto* may disclose a tooling gage for gaging the accuracy of critical surfaces of the tool, *Perlotto* does not teach or suggest any means for adjusting the position of a workpiece to be gaged. The tool of *Perlotto* is used to verify surfaces not to align the surfaces as in the present invention. In *Perlotto*, the tool includes a work holder and one or more adjustable gaging devices. The gaging devices are adjustable as for example using adjustable mounts 20, 22, 24. The gaging devices however do not position the workpiece or any part thereof. They simply do not exert a force on the workpiece in order to reposition a portion of the workpiece. No such mechanism exists in *Perlotto*. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Although the rejections to the dependent claims 2, 5 and 6 should be withdrawn for at least the reasons as above, it should be noted that they offer additional language that is unsupported by the art.

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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